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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT TACOMA

10 RHONDA D. LAWSON,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of  
14 Social Security,

15 Defendant.

CASE NO. C10-5102JRC

ORDER GRANTING  
PLAINTIFF'S APPLICATION TO  
PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

16 Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff does not  
17 appear to have funds available to afford the \$350.00 filing fee.

18 The clerk is directed to issue summonses, after submission by plaintiff, to enable plaintiff  
19 to properly serve copies of the complaint on the appropriate parties. Plaintiff shall note that it is  
20 her responsibility to properly serve copies of the complaint along with appropriate summons as  
21 required by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

22 Copies of the complaint along with the appropriate summonses must be served on the  
23 following three parties in social security administrative appeals: the Commissioner of Social  
24 Security, office of General Counsel for this region; the U.S. Attorney General for the W.D. of  
25 Washington; and the Attorney General of the United States. Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of  
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1 Civil Procedure states, "If service of the summons and complaint is not made upon a defendant  
2 within 120 days after the filing of the complaint, the court, upon motion or on its own initiative  
3 after notice to the plaintiff, shall dismiss the action without prejudice as to that defendant or  
4 direct that service be effected within a specified time; provided that if the plaintiff shows good  
5 cause for the failure, the court shall extend the time for service for an appropriate period."  
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7 The clerk is further directed to send a copy of this order to plaintiff.

8 DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

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11 J. Richard Creatura  
12 United States Magistrate Judge  
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